

## VI. IMPLEMENTATION

There are several tools which are recommended for implementation of the thoroughfare plan. They are as follows:

### State Municipal Adoption of the Thoroughfare Plan

Chapter 136, Article 3A, Section 136-66.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that after development of a thoroughfare plan, the plan may be adopted by the governing body of the municipality and the Board of Transportation as the basis for future street and highway improvements in and around the municipality. Once the thoroughfare plan is mutually adopted, negotiations will begin to determine which of the existing and proposed thoroughfares will be a Division of Highways responsibility and which will be a municipal responsibility. Facilities which are designated a Division of Highways responsibility will be constructed and maintained by the Division of Highways; however, the municipality will share in the right-of-way costs, with the municipality's share of the cost to be determined at time of construction.

### Subdivision Control

A subdivision ordinance requires that every subdivider submit to the Town a plot of his or her proposed subdivision. Certain standards must be met by the developer before he can be issued a building permit to construct his development. Through this process it is possible to reserve or protect the necessary rights-of-way for projected streets which are a part of the thoroughfare plan and to require street construction in accordance with the plan.

### Official Street Map

A municipality may, through special enabling legislation, adopt an official street map which indicates both existing and future street lines. No new construction or reconstruction of structures would be permitted within the designated future street lines. This would over a period of time reduce the cost of additional right-of-way along densely developed thoroughfares which will require widening at some future date. The following streets could benefit from this legislation: North Center Street (US 70), Fifth Street and the proposed Southern Loop.